

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

May 8. BELTONA, German steamer, 789, W. Schaefer, Saigon 4th May, Rice—
SHEMSEEN & CO.
May 8. PEKING, British str., 950, E. Herrmann, Shanghai 5th May, General STEMMSEN & CO.
May 8. SOMALIA, British steamer, 1,406, T. Farnough, Yokohama 29th April, Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.
May 8. BRINDISI, British steamer, 2,142, Julius Orman, Shanghai 5th May, Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.
May 8. BLENHEIM, British steamer, 999, J. Ross, London 20th March, and Singapore 1st May, General—G. Livingstone & Co.
May 8. BURGOS, Spanish steamer, 358, A. de Aizpuru, Manila 6th May, General DUNN, MELBYE & CO.
May 8. FOON-SANG, British str., 990, HOGG, Shanghai 5th May, General—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.
May 8. KARL, German bark, 382, E. Krafft, Newchawng 22nd April, Peas and Beans—CHENG WOO CHAN.
May 8. NAM-VIEN, French steamer, 455, A. Garaud, Haiphong 6th May, General—SHING LOONG.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
MAT 8th.
Sokow, German brig, for Tientsin.
Aja, British str., for Amoy.
Inyborg, British str., for Shanghai.
Catharine II, Russian str., for Hankow.
Xangxie, British str., for Canton.
Ferriera, British str., for Singapore.

DEPARTURES.

May 8. PERSUASO, British bark, for Victoria, B.C.
May 8. YANKEE, British str., for Canton.
May 8. WANDERING MINSTREL, British str., for Taku.
May 8. CATHARINA II, Russian steamer, for Hankow.
May 8. INONDO, British str., for Shanghai.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
For Bellona, str., from London—16 Chinese, 160 Servants, 100 from Yokohama—Dr. Fugate, Rev. Blanchard, the Chinese porters of the crew at Camberwell, and 19 Chinese.
For Brindisi, str., from Shanghai—H. Kuhlmann and servant, J. Hughes and servant, W. Lepre, J. Henderson and servant, E. Fraser, J. D. Rouse, and 3 Chinese.
For Venetia, str., from London—A. Donkin, F. Riddle, T. Brown, M. Currie and Hodinett, For London, Mrs. Loring and 4 children, Mr. B. H. Elias, and Mr. Raphael's 3 children and 2 sons.
For Foochow, str., from Shanghai—Hon. F. B. Johnson, and 67 Chinese.
For Buban, str., from Manila—Capt. Eyes, Mrs. McCall and infant, Messrs. Cleo & Revolar and Legona.
For Macao—
For Macao, str., from Foochow—Mr. and Mrs. Fria and infant, Messrs. Wallace, Fraser, Gardner, and Silverton.

REPORTS.

The British steamer *Bellona* reports left Saigon on the 4th inst., and had fine weather and S.E. wind with high swell.

The British steamer *Yankee* reports left Shanghai on the 5th inst., and had light variable winds and no weather throughout.

SHANGHAI SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
May 8. Waverley, British str., from Nagasaki.
25. Ichan, British str., from Hankow.
26. W. C. de Vos, British str., from Hankow.
27. Linnet, British str., from Chefoo.
28. Bawting, Chinese str., from Tientsin.
29. Kuan Yen, Chinese str., from Amoy.
30. W. C. de Vos, British str., from Tientsin.
31. Wuchang, British str., from Tientsin.
32. Shima-ya, Maru, Jap. str., from Nasasaki.
33. Hidemitsu, Maru, Jap. str., from K'natou.
34. Hilda, British bark, from Nasaki.
35. W. C. de Vos, British str., from Hankow.
36. Martha, British bark, from Singapore.
37. Kuan Yen, Chinese str., from Amoy.
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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MAY 9TH, 1883.

One of the greatest drawbacks in this fair city of Victoria, this picturesquely set island of Hongkong, is the want of space—a drawback which is soon discovered even by the gulf. The walks are pretty, and the views commanding, but the drives are few indeed and apt to pall upon one after a time. This fact might perhaps be forgotten could the residents find a chance of doing so in their own shady grounds. Unfortunately, however, only a favoured few own a garden, or if they rejoice in the possession of a small strip of ground, it is usually reclaimed from the rock and requires much care and coaxing to render it productive. Still fewer are those who have contrived to secure a piece of ground large enough to provide a tennis lawn. With a good garden and a tennis lawn one may to a certain extent shake off the cramped feeling which is apt to take hold of those who plod along the same walk evening after evening during the long summer. But a much more serious evil than the lack of gulf which is felt so grievously, is the paucity of suitable houses at a moderate rent to be had in the Colony. We have before called attention to this want. House rent is a serious item in the cost of living here, and it is usually still further enhanced by reason of the absolute necessity, owing to the steepness of the streets, for keeping a chair. Desirable residences at a moderate rent are exceedingly difficult to find, and it is almost impossible to obtain a garden with one, even square inch of the site being, in most instances, covered with buildings. Under these circumstances it is incumbent upon the Government to throw open to competition all lands at present reserved, unless they are wanted for some special purpose. There are a few sites above the Bonham Road which we believe it is intended shortly to offer for public sale, and these, though rather high up the hillside, will no doubt be eagerly competed for. If an arrangement could be come to with the War Department, some desirable sites could also be found along the western end of Kennedy Road, which would be promptly purchased if offered at auction. The quantity of unsold land is, however, very limited, and this being the case it is doubly the duty of the Government to see that no valuable sites lie idle and unoccupied. At present there are several lots both above Robinson Road and on the south side of Bonham Road, near the Berlin Foundling House, which offer excellent building sites. These lots have been lying unused for the past twenty years, and it is high time either that they were built upon or the ground resumed. We believe that there is a clause in the leases empowering the Government to resume property, which is allowed to lie idle after a certain number of years. The owners of these lots should be asked to erect suitable houses upon them or to allow them to be again put up to auction. The practice of holding land for a rise is not always a paying one, and when the want of space is considered, by which the requirements of the residents are disregarded and the development of the Colony checked, it becomes simply selfish and obstructive. True it is that the owners go on paying ground rent year after year, but that does no good save to the Treasury. All the unused land on this side of the harbour, from Belcher Bay to Causeway Bay is required for building purposes, and the sooner the lots now lying idle are utilised, the better for their owners and the better for the public.

Telegrams for Bangkok can go forward by mail closing at Singapore to-morrow, the 10th inst.

The Comerco says another line of steamers is shortly to be established between Hongkong and Manila by Chinese.

It is said that on the Manila tramway, now approaching completion, electricity will be substituted for horses as the motive power.

We have to acknowledge receipt in pamphlet form, of an account of the Shanghai Spring Races, reprinted from the *Shanghai Mercury*.

The P. & O. steamer *Mesopotamia*, with the next outward English mail, left Singapore at 5 p.m. on Sunday, the 6th instant, for Hongkong.

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CAPITAL OF THE COMPANY, £1,000,000 Sterling, of which is PAID-UP, £100,000 Sterling. RESERVE FUND UPWARDS OF £120,000 Sterling. ANNUAL INCOME, £250,000 Sterling.

The Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at HONGKONG, CANTON, FOOCHOW, SHANGHAI, and HANKOW, and are prepared to give Insurance at Current Rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.
Hongkong, 15th October, 1882. [12]

PHEONIX FIRE OFFICE.

The Undersigned are now prepared to GRANT POLICIES of INSURANCE against FIRE at the following Rates—

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Hongkong, 27th March, 1882. [692]

GALEOTIAN FIRE AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.
ESTABLISHED 1804.

The Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to issue Policies of Insurance against Fire on the usual terms.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.
Hongkong, January 1882. [913]

THE CHINA MERCHANTS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

CAPITAL (FULLY SUBSCRIBED) £1,000,000.
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Hongkong, 15th November, 1872. [14]

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Hongkong, 4th September, 1879. [1690]

SUN FIRE OFFICE.
The Undersigned are prepared from this date to GRANT POLICIES against FIRE at the Reduced Tariff Rates to the extent of £50,000 on First-class Risks.

LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
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MELCHERS & CO.
Hongkong, 27th March, 1876. [11]

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